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TEDDY C. JOHNSON

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For: HIGH PERFORMANCE
SERVER DATA DELIVERY
SYSTEM AND METHOD

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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF
IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 17, 2002, the Appellant replies as follows.

Argument

The Appellant respectfully disagrees with the arguments made in the Examiner's Answer.

It should be noted that the Examiner's Answer is, for the most part, a reiteration of the final rejection. Accordingly, most of the issues raised in the Examiner's Answer were addressed in the Appellant's Appeal Brief. The following is a brief summary of these issues.

NO MOTIVATION TO COMBINE

During prosecution and in the Appeal Brief, the Appellant alleged that there is no motivation for the Examiner to combine the references of Joffe and Kawaguchi.

In response to the lack of motivation to combine issue, the Examiner's Answer states at the first full paragraph of page 7 that:

However, the fact that applicant has recognized another advantage which would flow naturally from following the suggestion of the prior art cannot be the basis for patentability when the differences would otherwise be obvious.

The Appellant respectfully notes that no advantages have been recognized by the Appellant which would flow from the prior art. As stated in the Appeal Brief, the Appellant does not understand how the references could be combined to yield the Appellant's invention. In addition, even if the references could be combined, their combination is missing many of the claimed elements. These missing claimed elements are described in detail in the Appeal Brief.

Accordingly, the Appellant respectfully contends that there is no motivation to combine the cited references.

On page 8 of the Examiner's Answer, the "objective reasons for the combination" are set forth. These "objective reasons" are replicated as follows for convenience:

...to solve "The problems of latency and bandwidth constraints" (see column 1, lines 51-53 of Joffe) and to provide a filing storage system (i.e., a file management system) that improves disk space efficiency, simplifies file management, and incorporates data to access stored objects (column 1, lines 51-53 of Kawaguchi).

The Examiner has not shown that the teachings of the references would lead an individual to combine the references. More specifically, Joffe is directed toward latency and bandwidth constraints and Kawaguchi is directed toward an improvement of a file management system. Neither reference suggests the elements of Appellant's claim 1, which include facilitating the transfer of data to authorized users over the Internet.

Accordingly, the Appellant contends that there is no motivation to combine the references.

COMBINATION DOES NOT DISCLOSE ALL THE ELEMENTS OF CLAIM 1

The Appellant contends that even if the combination of the references is proper, the combination does not disclose all the claimed elements. The Examiner's Answer indicates that several of the missing elements are well-known or obvious. The Appellant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner.

In rebutting the Appellant's contention that all the claimed elements are not disclosed, page 9 of the Examiner's Answer states:

...the rejections are based on combinations of references and one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references.

The Appellant respectfully notes that the combination of the references does not disclose all the elements of claim 1. Accordingly, the Appellant "attacked" the combination of the references in the rebuttals to the office actions and the "attacks" are described in detail in the Appeal Brief.

As stated above, the combination does not disclose all the elements of the claims. For example, the Appellant noted six elements of the claims that were not disclosed by the combination. The Examiner held that these missing elements were, in summary, well-known. The Appellant contends that these missing elements are not well-known, especially when there is not motivation to combine the references.

Between the bottom of page 8 and the middle of page 9 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner's Answer bases obviousness on legal decisions. The Appellant still does not understand the significance of this argument. None of the cases cited during prosecution provide a legal decision based on the Appellant's subject matter. Therefore, use of section 2144 of the MPEP as used in the Examiner's Answer is irrelevant.

The Appellant contends that all of the pending claims are allowable and all of the rejections should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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August 8, 2002

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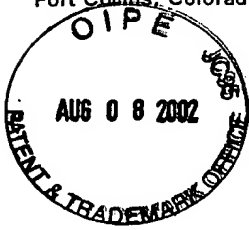


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